

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] Fig. 2 is a flowchart illustrating an exemplary embodiment of an automated document template creation method according to this invention. Beginning in step S1000, operation continues to step S1100, where data of an existing document is received. For example, image data of the existing document may be captured by scanning the existing document. Then, in step S1200, the image is segmented into objects and each object is classified by location and type as criteria for further partitioning of the object.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0029] After segmentation and classification, each object is processed to extract object information in step S1300. Next, in step S1400, a determination is made whether the extracted object information warrants definition of one or more subobjects defined by the classification criteria. For example, a text region may be sub-classified into a region containing red 10 point Arial font and another region containing black 16 point Times Roman font. If so, operation continues to step S1500 where one or more of the objects is partitioned into smaller objects or subobjects. Operation then returns to steps S1200-S1400 to process the subobjects.